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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig.3. This sheet, which includes Fig.3, replaces the original Fig.2. In Fig.3, previously omitted element 32 has been added.

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Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Amendment to the specification:

The non-descriptive title has been adjusted as per your request. The
5 original title "ONE DROP FILL LCD PANEL" is now more descriptively
prosed as, "LCD PANEL HAVING A LIGHT-SHIELDING PATTERN". No
new matter is introduced.

2. Amendment to the drawings:

10 In amended Fig.3, the previously omitted element numeral 32 has been
added.

3. Rejection of claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated
by Yayoi (JP. 10-123544), Yoshiko (JP. 03-015822) or Watanabe et
15 al. (US 2002/0167634):

Claim 11 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Specifically,
the limitation "when the first metal pattern is connected to a gate of the
TFTs, the second metal pattern is used to prevent from light leakage
through the first metal pattern, and when the second metal pattern is
20 connected to a source or a drain of the TFTs, the first metal pattern is used
to prevent from light leakage through the second metal pattern" has been
added to claim 11. This limitation finds support in original claims 15-16
for instance, and no new matter is entered.

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The Examiner has acknowledged that this limitation would be allowed if rewritten in independent form in the Office action. Thus, the amended claim 11 should be allowed. Reconsideration of claim 11 is therefore respectfully requested.

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4. Rejection of claims 1, 2, 8-12 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee et al. (US 2004/0183992):

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Specifically, the limitation "when the first metal pattern is connected to a gate of the TFTs, the second metal pattern is used to prevent from light leakage through the first metal pattern, and when the second metal pattern is connected to a source or a drain of the TFTs, the first metal pattern is used to prevent from light leakage through the second metal pattern" has been added to claim 1. This limitation finds support in original claims 5-6 for instance, and no new matter is entered.

The Examiner has acknowledged that this limitation would be allowed if rewritten in independent form in the Office action. Thus, the amended claim 1 should be allowed. Claims 2 and 9-10 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is found allowable. Reconsideration of claims 1-2 and 9-10 is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 12, 18, and 20-21 are dependent on claim 11, and should be allowed if claim 11 is found allowable. Reconsideration of claims 12, 18 and 20-21 is therefore respectfully requested.

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5. Rejection of claims 1-4, 8-14 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chu et al. (US 2005/0062910):

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Specifically, the
5 limitation "when the first metal pattern is connected to a gate of the TFTs, the second metal pattern is used to prevent from light leakage through the first metal pattern, and when the second metal pattern is connected to a source or a drain of the TFTs, the first metal pattern is used to prevent from light leakage through the second metal pattern" has been added to claim 1.
10 This limitation finds support in original claims 5-6 for instance, and no new matter is entered.

The Examiner has acknowledged that this limitation would be allowed if rewritten in independent form in the Office action. Thus, the amended
15 claim 1 should be allowed. Claims 2 and 9-10 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is found allowable. Reconsideration of claims 1-2 and 9-10 is therefore respectfully requested.

Claim 11 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Specifically,
20 the limitation "when the first metal pattern is connected to a gate of the TFTs, the second metal pattern is used to prevent from light leakage through the first metal pattern, and when the second metal pattern is connected to a source or a drain of the TFTs, the first metal pattern is used to prevent from light leakage through the second metal pattern" has been
25 added to claim 11. This limitation finds support in original claims 15-16 for instance, and no new matter is entered.

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The Examiner has acknowledged that this limitation would be allowed if rewritten in independent form in the Office action. Thus, the amended claim 11 should be allowed. Claims 12, 18 and 20-21 are dependent on
5 claim 11, and claim 17 is amended to dependent on claim 11. Therefore, claims 12, 17-18 and 20-21 and should be allowed if claim 11 is found allowable. Reconsideration of claims 11-12, 17-18 and 20-21 is therefore respectfully requested.

10 6. Allowable subject matter:

Claims 5-6 have been added to claim 1. Claim 7 is amended to dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if claim 1 is found allowable. Claims 15-16 have been added to claim 11.

15 7. Cancellation of claims:

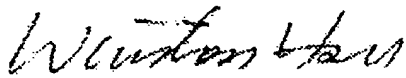
Claims 3-6, 8, 13-16 and 19 have been cancelled.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Sincerely yours,



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